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## Show goes on

Despite moving because of rain, the symphony plays free show — SEE NEWS, A2



## Flick fest finale

Students help out with Florida Film Fest, from open to close — SEE NEWS, A4



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### On Monday:

Live blog from the provost search open meeting  
by Jeffrey Riley  
James Coleman, the vice provost at Rice University, will be available for questions from students and members of the community. Can't be there for the forum? Follow our live blog.

### On Wednesday:

Softball takes on Bethune-Cookman  
The Knights kick off a five-game home streak with a game against the Wildcats.

Baseball hosts Bethune-Cookman  
In their third meet-up of the season, the Knights face the Wildcats in hopes of sweeping them for the season.

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## Football spring game

# SPRING STEP

Rob Calabrese played well, throwing just six incompletions in Saturday's spring game en route to being named the Knights' starter heading into summer and fall practices. For a full recap, as well as five things to take away from the spring game, check out today's sports section.

— SEE SPORTS, A9



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## UCF closes in on new provost

Four potential Hickey replacements remain

JEFFREY RILEY  
Editor-in-Chief

The search committee in charge of finding a new provost has narrowed the potential candidates down to four individuals.

"The committee hopes to have a recommendation to the president in early May," said Grant Heston, the assistant vice president of UCF News & Information.

Terry Hickey, the current provost, is set to retire June 30. He was hired in 2003.

The search committee has narrowed down the field from 93 applicants to the final four, with backgrounds ranging from holding the position of provost at other universities to former deans and professors.

There will be a series of open meetings — available for students to participate — held for all four of the finalists.

All of the open meetings will take place at 3:15 p.m. in the Teaching Academy Room 117.

During Thursday's Student Government Association Sen-



For live blogs from the meetings:  
www.UCFNews.com

PLEASE SEE **FINALISTS** ON A3

### AROUND CAMPUS, A2

## A HEALTHY DEBATE: DISCUSSING THE REFORM BILL

Two debaters will square off on Tuesday. Professor Aaron Liberman and Rich Morrison, with Adventist Health Systems, will debate the topic of health care reform at the University Club of Winter Park.

### LOCAL & STATE, A2

## MAN-ARRESTED IN CONNECTION TO WEDDING STABBING

An arrest has been made in a stabbing at a wedding reception north of Tampa. The Pasco County Sheriff's Office says 35-year-old David Adler of Lutz is being held for attempted murder.

## STRANDED TOURISTS GIVEN FREE TICKET TO SEAWORLD PARKS

Fliers grounded in Florida by an Icelandic volcano's eruption are getting some free entertainment. SeaWorld is offering free admission to stranded travelers to three of its theme parks in Central

## Florida universities could get tier system

STEVEN BARNHART  
Contributing Writer

The Florida Senate is considering passing a bill that would categorize each of the public universities based on its strengths and weaknesses. The way these categories will be determined is causing controversy.

The bill, SB 2442, would instruct the Board of Governors to use the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education to set a mission for each school based on its strengths.

This means that research-heavy schools would focus more on research while smaller

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schools would have the opportunity to focus on smaller class sizes and the student base. The bill would affect the 11 public universities.

It's difficult to predict what would be the exact effects of the bill, which was proposed by Sen. Evelyn Lynn of Ormond Beach.

The original language of the bill caused controversy because it used the term "flagship" to describe the top-ranked university, which

PLEASE SEE **USF** ON A8

## Benefits not offered to all

### State insurance excludes partners

RAYMA JENKINS  
Staff Writer

UCF stands for opportunity.

But those opportunities are limited for full-time faculty seeking partnership benefits.

Michael Freeman, the training coordinator for the Office of Diversity Initiatives, thinks UCF is "losing talented gay and lesbian faculty and staff because they are not offered the same benefits that our straight faculty and staff are offered."

Because Florida does not recognize gay marriage, public universities in the state, including UCF,

exclude domestic partners from the state insurance plan.

Many universities and colleges around the nation have found a way to insure domestic partners and their families regardless of their marital status.

The University of Florida is one of them.

In January 2007, an individual fund, outside of the set aside state funds, was created by UF for domestic partners, according to Wanda Santana, the benefits manager at UF.

"The University of Florida needed to attract faculty members, and the best ones, and for that we need to offer what the best



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universities in the United States are offering to their employees," she said. "That includes a domestic partner plan, and we also have employees that are in domestic partner relationships, so we also wanted to include those employees."

According to Santana, UF has 65 domestic partner policies out of 14,000 employees.

The total monthly premium for domestic partner benefits is nearly \$7,200, about \$110 per partnership.

PLEASE SEE **UFF** ON A5

## Office links students to experts

MARCO FUNK  
Contributing Writer

Diplomats, ambassadors, foreign policy experts and world-renowned journalists are not the kind of people students get to meet every day. At UCF, though, students have the opportunity to meet unique and accomplished professionals just about every week.

The UCF Global Perspectives Office, one of the largest international affairs programs of its kind in the U.S., makes it possible.

Located in Howard Phillips Hall, the Office of the Special Assistant to the President for Global Perspectives is responsible for connecting UCF to the rest of the world. Established in 2001 by UCF President John Hitt, the office administers scholarships, facilitates research through several topic-specific initiatives, advises the president on international issues, publishes "Worldviews for the 21st Century," a monograph series and provides a number of

internship and fellowship opportunities.

It also brings prominent guest speakers to UCF from all over the world. Past speakers include Desmond Tutu, the former archbishop of Cape Town; Lech Walesa, former president of Poland; and award-winning journalist Thomas Friedman.

John Bersia, director of the Global Perspectives Office, said the program draws more national and

PLEASE SEE **GLOBAL** ON A7



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Peter Pritchard, an environmental advocate and expert on the Galapagos Islands, speaks as part of a Global Perspectives event held in the Student Union in January.

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### TODAY'S WEATHER



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## AROUND CAMPUS

News and notices for the UCF community

**Free concert, strings attached**  
The UCF String Ensemble will be hosting a free concert on Monday in the Rehearsal Hall.

The concert will begin at 8 p.m. and last until 10 p.m.

Call 407-823-6190 for more information.

### Debating the health reform

Professor Aaron Liberman chair of the Department of Health Management and Informatics, will participate in a debate on health care reform.

He will be debating against Rich Morrison, corporate vice president for government affairs for Adventist Health Systems.

The debate will take place off-campus at the University Club of Winter Park.

Both debaters have been featured on local news programs on both sides of the health care reform issue.

It begins on Tuesday at 7 p.m. and will last until 8:15 p.m.

Call 407-260-6050 for more information.

## LOCAL & STATE

Keep local with headlines you may have missed

### Man arrested in connection to stabbing at wedding

**LAND O' LAKES** — An arrest has been made in connection with a stabbing at a wedding reception north of Tampa.

The Pasco County Sheriff's Office says 35-year-old David Adler of Lutz is being held for attempted murder in the incident on Saturday night at the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge in Land O'Lakes.

The 28-year-old victim has not been identified.

### Stranded tourists given free ticket to SeaWorld parks

**ORLANDO** — Fliers grounded in Florida by an Icelandic volcano's eruption are getting some free entertainment.

SeaWorld Parks and Entertainment is offering free admission to stranded travelers to three of its parks: the flagship SeaWorld Orlando, water park Aquatica and Busch Gardens Tampa Bay.

European tourists with a return ticket dated April 14 to April 21 are entitled to the free one-day ticket.

## LET US KNOW

The Future is working to compile information about organizations and events in the UCF community for our calendar on UCFNews.com and the Around Campus section of the paper.

If you know of any information you or your organization would like us to include, send an e-mail to [Events.CFF@gmail.com](mailto:Events.CFF@gmail.com)

# A little *Night* music

## Rain can't stop the symphony's sound

DETRACHIA NEELY  
Contributing Writer

Since the early '80s, UCF has hosted Symphony Under the Stars, an event that displays new and renowned talent within and outside of the student body.

Keeping with tradition, the event was held at UCF on Thursday night.

Preparation for the starry night, usually held by the Reflecting Pond, is strenuous and begins months in advance.

"Weather planning is key," said UCF professor and director Laszlo Marosi. "When the weather is nice, we have large crowds. When it is windy and cold, not so much."

On Thursday night, the weather was indecipherable. The sun shone bright during the early afternoon, but looming, ominous clouds, appearing within hours of the performance, prompted Marosi and the music department to move the festive event into the Pegasus Ballroom.

Despite the change in venue, the ballroom was packed, standing-room only, and the night belonged to Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky, a Russian composer. The orchestra, composed of music and non-music majors as well as members of the community, performed two of Tchaikovsky's pieces, the first of which was Piano Concerto No. 1 in B Flat Minor, OP. 23.

UCF Professor of Piano and Chair of the Piano Studies Laurent Boukobza arrived late, prompting a pause in the program. He was featured in this piece on piano in addition to the orchestra. After a prolonged standing ovation, Boukobza, in tears, shared the memory of his



PHOTOS BY AMY SIMPSON / CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE  
Both music and non-music majors come together to perform in the annual Symphony Under the Stars. The event was held in the Pegasus Ballroom this year because of weather concerns.

first time hearing the concerto. "I was 10 and a half when I began playing piano, and when I heard this piece, I cried ...."

The next performance, Symphony No. 4 in F Minor, OP. 36, proved to be just as impressive and extravagant.

Before beginning, Marosi told the audience that the piece was a roller coaster of pitches, rhythms, and volume, as it was a reflection of Tchaikovsky's own life.

The performance ranged from hard-hitting, reverberating, and jolting, to playful, child-like, and dotting to a section in which the musicians plucked their strings in an almost hypnotic fashion.

By the end of the night, the

crowd was fascinated by the amount of talent and dedication the orchestra displayed. "It was really amazing," freshman economics major Jessica Fears said. "They were really intense."

It was not uncommon to see strings breaking and snapping during the most dramatic parts of the performance.

When asked what he wanted for those that attended Symphony Under the Stars, Marosi replied, "I hope for a wonderful evening that would cause everyone to want to come back again, because we work hard."

After the symphony's display of talent, there was no doubt that Thursday was a night for the stars, even if the event couldn't be under them.



## LOCAL WEATHER

	<b>Today</b>	<b>TODAY IN DETAIL</b>		<b>Tuesday</b>	High: 79°
	SCATTERED T-STORMS	Today: Sixty percent chance of rain. North northeast wind around 13 mph.		MOSTLY SUNNY	Low: 63°
	High: 74° Low: 60°	Tonight: Storms into the evening. Northeast wind around 13 mph.			<b>Wednesday</b>
				FEW SHOWERS	

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# Finalists vie for chief academic administrator spot

FROM A1

ate meeting, SGA President Brian Peterson said all students who are available to go to the meetings should do just that.

The position of provost at UCF, much like other academic institutions, is that of chief academic administrator. It is the second-most powerful position at UCF, acting as President John Hitt's second-in-command.

Here is a breakdown of the finalists:

## Tony Waldrop

Waldrop is the vice chancellor for research and economic development at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He also held the position of vice chancellor-



lor for research at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. His highest academic degree is a Ph.D. in physiology, which he earned in 1981 from UNC. He has taught molecular and integrative physiology.

According to UNC's website, Waldrop has published more than 100 peer-reviewed journal articles and book chapters.

Waldrop has worked as the interim dean of the graduate school and as a regional dean at the University of Illinois.

"My experiences and personal goals are very consistent with the goals for UCF on the Office of the President website," Waldrop wrote in his official letter to UCF.

Waldrop's open meeting is April 29.

## Raymond Alden

Alden is the executive vice president and sitting provost at Northern Illi-

nois University.

In his official letter to UCF, Alden said that although he is not on the active job market, he does have "professional and personal interests" in being nominated for the position.

"I am very impressed with the university's rapid growth and development as well as its great potential for the future," Alden wrote in his letter.

He has received a Ph.D. from the University of Florida in zoology and previously was a tenured professor at Old Dominion University, University of Nevada Las Vegas, and Northern Illinois University, where he taught biology.

When Alden was



provost at UNLV, according to his official letter, enrollment for the university increased by almost a third, more than 40 degree programs were added, 28 research and service centers were created and over two dozen buildings were built.

Alden's open meeting is April 26.

## Richard DeMillo

DeMillo is a professor of computing and management at Georgia Tech, and previously served as the dean of the College of Computing there.

According to DeMillo's official letter, that college saw growth for six consecutive years during his time as dean.

DeMillo worked with Emory University's med-



ical school, helping to create a department in biomedical informatics.

In the private sector, DeMillo worked as the chief technology officer for Hewlett-Packard, and chaired HP's Technology Council.

He also has done international work, teaching electronics and informatics at the University of Padua, located in Italy.

As a writer, DeMillo has authored books on the topic of information security and higher education.

DeMillo's open meeting is Thursday.

## James Coleman

Coleman is currently the vice provost of research at fellow Conference USA school Rice University.

"I have



demonstrated a very strong ability to facilitate and inspire research growth and excellence in scholarship and creative activities ...," Coleman wrote in his letter to UCF.

He also teaches at Rice as a professor of ecology and evolutionary biology.

Coleman previously was the vice chancellor for research as well as a professor of biological sciences at the University of Missouri.

He started his career in

academics as a tenured professor at Syracuse University, where he taught biology.

At Syracuse, Coleman

was a program officer for ecological and evolutionary physiology at the National Science Foundation.

Coleman received his Ph.D. in forestry and environmental studies from Yale University.

Coleman's open meeting is Monday.

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# Same classes.





# Students apply in-class knowledge at festival

**KRISTINA PENA**  
Contributing Writer

UCF film students and faculty members didn't just watch indie films, indulge in southern-style cuisine and socialize at parties during the Florida Film Festival on April 9-18; they participated as volunteers, expert speakers and even as filmmakers.

Already in its 19th year, the annual film festival is produced by the Enzian, a single-screen cinema café in Maitland offering mostly independent and foreign films.

Tom Hurter, marketing specialist for the UCF film department, described Central Florida's only full-time, alternative cinema as "the epitome of a cool indie film house."

According to their website, the Enzian's mission is to entertain, inspire, educate, and connect the community through film, which is exactly what the film festival did for the UCF community involved.

This year the festival aimed to capture its Southern hospitality, welcoming audiences and filmmakers "home" to revel in cutting-edge films combined with food, wine and parties. They screened films at the Enzian, Regal Winter Park Village and the Plaza Cinema Café in Downtown Orlando.

Film students were required to volunteer at the festival for their Film Producer class, instructed by UCF associate professor Randy Finch.

Senior film student Jennifer Campbell is enrolled in the class, which is designed to teach students how to market and promote films. This was Campbell's fourth time attending the Florida Film Festival, but her first time

as a volunteer. "We're pretty lucky," said Campbell. "It is a class requirement for us to hang out at the Florida Film Festival."

The class was divided into teams of three students, and assigned a film that would screen at the festival. Their mission was to market their adopted films.

Campbell said they worked directly with the filmmakers and festival staff and were responsible for guerrilla marketing, an unconventional way of promoting that relies on imagination rather than a big budget.

"We were constantly at the festival, in the crowds passing out postcards, talking to audiences, hanging posters, canvassing the area, and doing whatever we could to try and get people to the festival, especially to our assigned film," she said.

Campbell and her team worked with UCF assistant professor, Lisa Mills, to promote her documentary called *The Young Composers Challenge*.

She said they really pushed themselves to make Mills' film known to as many people as possible.

Mills has already won two national awards for her documentary, which was featured in the film spotlight at the festival with two screenings on April 11 and 18. She said the film producer class is "pretty cool."

"They're learning about how festivals work. They're learning about how to market their own films and they're learning how to interact with audiences and filmmakers," said Mills.

Hurter is a UCF alumnus who took the film pro-



ducer class when he was in school. He said it's a great experience for students because it challenges them to get out there into the real world and see what it actually takes to promote a film at a festival, which is invaluable if they want to pursue film as a career.

Campbell said the job was demanding, but they are rewarded with the opportunity to be around accomplished filmmakers and attend great films, forums and parties without paying.

The forums included a series of panel sessions where industry experts divulge happenings in the film industry. Instructor and producer Randy Finch spoke in a panel called "The Art of the Producer" on Friday.

"As part of the film program, it is really important



PHOTOS BY GEORGE OEHLE / CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE  
The Enzian, a single-screen cinema café in Maitland, is the home to the Florida Film Festival. Several UCF students volunteered at the festival as part of their Film Producer course, which focuses on marketing and promoting films.

for us to know the industry," said Campbell. "This is a great way to do it. We're submerged in it, and we're forced to learn a lot, and fast!"

## April is Autism Awareness Month!

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# UFF: Hitt does not see benefits as a priority

FROM A1

"There are some faculty members that [UCF] can't even recruit to this campus either because they are gay or lesbian or because they are straight allies who say 'why would I want to work at a place where there is this kind of discrimination going on,'" Freeman said.

On April 20, 2005, the United Faculty of Florida brought the issue of domestic partnerships before the Board of Trustees, but nothing was passed.

"The university made it clear after we had extensive discussions and research back and forth that they were unwilling to consider domestic partner benefits," said Jim Gilkeson, the chief negotiator for the UFF chapter of UCF. "Their claim was that to do so would be in violation of state law, so they refused."

Gilkeson thinks that other universities were able to "get around the law" by accepting private donations to create an individual fund for these benefits.

"It was made clear to us that President Hitt did not see that as a priority," he said.

The UFF at UCF will begin to bargain for a three-year agreement this year that will continue to fight for benefits.

Representatives for UCF could not be contacted by the time of publication.

## States and gay marriage

Forty-four states have a definition of marriage in their state constitution or a statutory Defense of Marriage Act which bars recognition of same-sex marriage. States with same-sex marriage laws:

### Same-sex marriages

Massachusetts Issues marriage licenses to same-sex couples

Rhode Island Recognizes same-sex marriages from other states

### Civil unions

States allowing civil unions of same-sex couples

Vermont

Connecticut

New Jersey

New Hampshire

### Domestic partnerships

States allowing registered domestic partnerships

Providing nearly all state-level spousal rights to same-sex couples

Providing some state-level spousal rights to same-sex couples

Washington

Oregon

California

Hawaii

Maine

D.C.

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## WHAT IS A DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP?

Some cities have passed laws providing for domestic partnerships, which can apply to homosexual couples, and heterosexual couples, who are living together without being married. To become domestic partners, the partners must register their relationship at a government office and declare that they are in a "committed" relationship. Domestic partnerships provide some — but not all — of the legal benefits of marriage.

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"Trying to get independent coverage in this day and age is next to impossible," Gilkeson said, "It's affecting real people in real ways, and so we as a union are opposed to that kind of discrimination, and when you discriminate against people and the basis of the benefits that you offer, you are dis-

criminating against them in a real way."

By not offering competitive packages to employees, Gilkeson said, "it presents [UCF] as being a not good place for faculty to come to, on that level, and that hurts students, because they are not getting the best faculty possible."

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# Same faculty.





# Satirical blogger discusses race relations

JORDAN KEYES  
Staff Writer

Author and blogger Christian Lander has spent the last two years meticulously compiling a list of stuff white people like.

On Wednesday, Lander took time away from his project to visit UCF to share some of his findings and talk about the success of his website, aptly titled StuffWhitePeopleLike.com, as well as to encourage frank and open discussion about race and class on college campuses.

"The biggest thing is to recognize, to be aware of racial differences, to be aware of class differences," Lander said. "In theory, America is a classless society. It's not formally established, but in practice, that's not the case ...."

Lander started the website as a way to make his friends laugh, but it quickly grew beyond that.

Within six months of beginning his satirical list of things enjoyed by the upper-middle class liberals he classifies as "white," Lander has gotten a book deal, appeared on Conan O'Brien and received hundreds of thousands of hits per day on his site.

Lander attributes most of his success to pure luck, but he does have some insight into why the site has had so much momentum.

Growing up in Toronto, recognized by the U.N. as one of the most multicultural cities in the

world, Lander says the way he and his friends approached issues of race and class was much different than how those topics are approached in America. People weren't afraid to point out differences or discuss stereotypes because so many different races were well-represented.

"I didn't know it was a unique experience until I started writing this and it got bigger," Lander said. "I didn't realize that what I was writing was reflecting what I grew up with and it was actually a bigger message."

What Lander found out was that his website and subsequent book were helping people who might have been scared to approach the touchy subject of racial differences with tongue-in-cheek humor. The Canadian told a story of one student who credited the site with helping his classmates to loosen up and discuss race and racism honestly.

Lander has received a large amount of negative feedback for his work, but he sees the negative comments and messages as just one more way to bring controversial issues to light. He never deletes even the most offensive comments from his site because, he says, "You can delete the comment, but you can't delete the person."

Lander takes those who use his site as a forum for espousing their own racism as an opportunity to

expose the ignorance that still exists in our society.

"Anyone who says that racism is over is an idiot," Lander said.

As for those who accuse him of harmful stereotyping or "reverse racism," Lander says they usually have one thing in common.

"A lot of people see the title and never read any more of it and never get what I'm actually getting at," Lander said.

Lander came to UCF as part of SGA's Difficult Discussions, an initiative bringing events on campus that address controversial topics such as racism, sexism and other forms of discrimination.

After receiving Lander's book as a joke from SGA president-elect Michael Kilbride, Kersti Myles, the SGA Diversity Initiatives specialist, found the entries in the book to be both humorous and insightful.

"I thought it was a different way to promote a culture that we don't necessarily see as a minority," said Myles, a senior political science major.

Myles hoped that students would leave with an open mind in regards to subtle racism and hidden biases.

"I think that if we can write books like 'Stuff White People Like' we can laugh at it," Myles said. "Instead of using anger and aggression, we can laugh at it and move toward a solution and a resolution."



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Christian Lander, creator of the blog 'Stuff White People Like,' speaks to students about the success of his website and its impact on open discussions on race and racism in American society.

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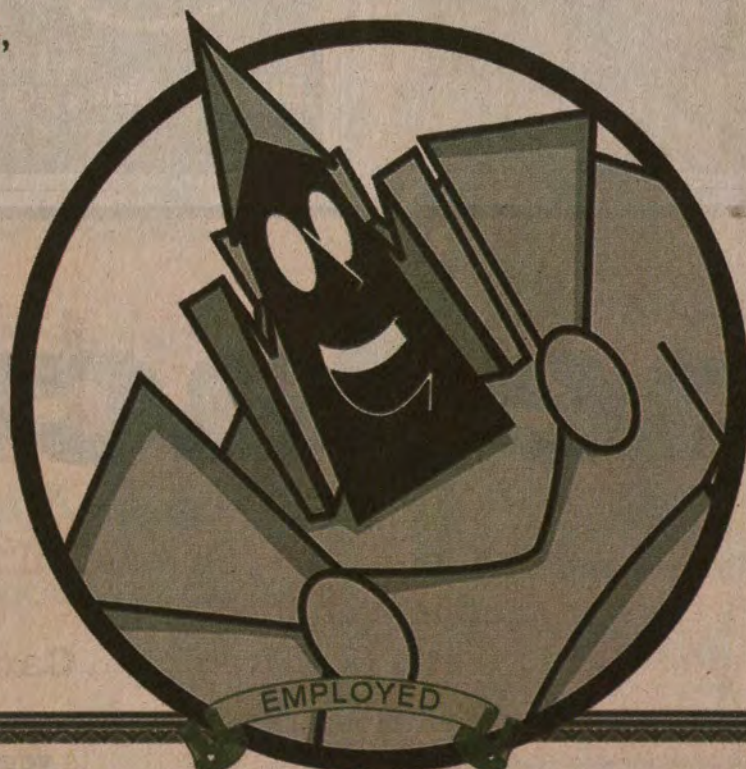
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# Global perspectives brings students the world

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international attention with each passing year.

"UCF is unquestionably becoming a more important stop for specialists in a variety of international fields," he said.

According to Bersia, leading experts are just as eager to come to UCF as the Global Perspectives Office is to host them.

Bersia himself is a notable figure in the field of international relations.

A Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist, he was invited by Hitt in 2001 to serve as the founding director of the Global Perspectives Office.

"My main field of study had always been international affairs — whether I was in journalism, government or private sector consulting — so it (becoming Director of Global Perspectives) was a natural progression," he said.

Top UCF students in any major have several opportunities to follow in Bersia's footsteps.

According to the Global Perspectives Office website, dedicated undergraduate students inter-

ested in international affairs can apply for various merit-based scholarships, unpaid internships and paid fellowships within the office.

Interns are expected to work on a research paper during the semester and assist with Global Perspectives event staffing. Similar in scope to internships, fellowships have a greater time commitment and are topic-specific.

Four fellowships are offered each semester: the Lawrence J. Chastang Global Fellowship Program, the Sibille H. Pritchard Global Peace Fellowship and the China-Taiwan Fellowship.

Each program is associated with one of the Global Perspectives Office's key areas of study: globalization, peace studies and Asian studies.

Ariel Dansky, a senior political science major, is currently a Global Peace Fellow with the office.

"My job is to conduct research in the area of peace studies," Dansky said. "I chose to do my research project on sectarian violence in the Middle East, for example between Sunni and Shia

Muslims as well as U.S. involvement."

Staffing the multitude of guest speaker panels that the Global Perspectives Office holds often helps interns and fellows with their research.

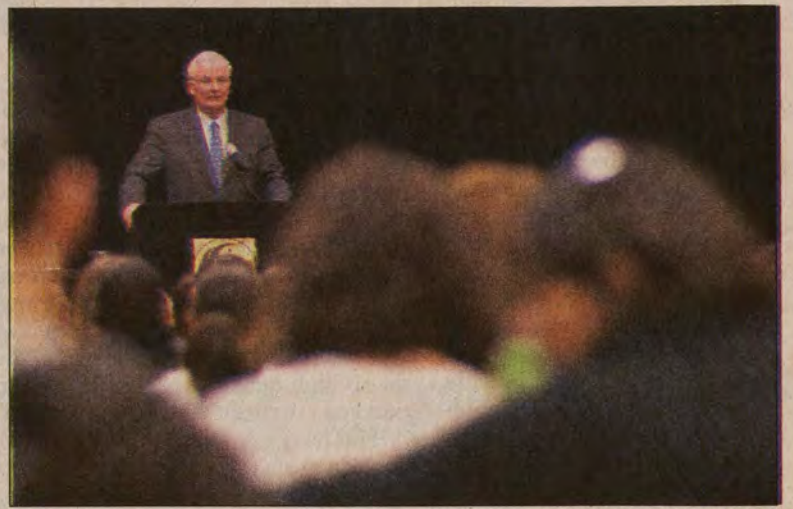
Access to experts that have real life experience in dealing with some of the world's major issues has proved to be a valuable resource for students that would otherwise have to rely solely on published material.

Paula Allen, a documentary photographer who travels around the world to shed light on areas she feels don't get enough media coverage, was Dansky's favorite speaker to date.

"We who study international relations, we study it from books, we study it from films, we study it from lectures, but a big part that many of us miss is actually going there and being in the field and talking to people who are living these conflicts," Dansky said.

In Dansky's opinion, what Allen does is a big, integral part of the field.

Allen's visit came earlier this year as one of many speaker events moderated around the



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Peter Pritchard's presentation at UCF in January is one of the examples of the Global Perspectives Office's enterprising effort to expand the school's international affairs education.

Global Perspectives Office's primary theme for 2009-10: The Environment, Energy and National/Global Security.

Every year, in addition to a primary theme, the office also embraces a number of secondary themes in conjunction with its research focus areas.

These include diplomacy, human rights and terrorism studies.

In the future, new themes and focus areas will be added to the list.

Dansky said she looks forward to what's ahead.

"I'm absolutely going to try to continue my research with the office into the fall semester, which will be my last at UCF," she said. "It sounds corny, but it really has broadened my perspectives a great deal."

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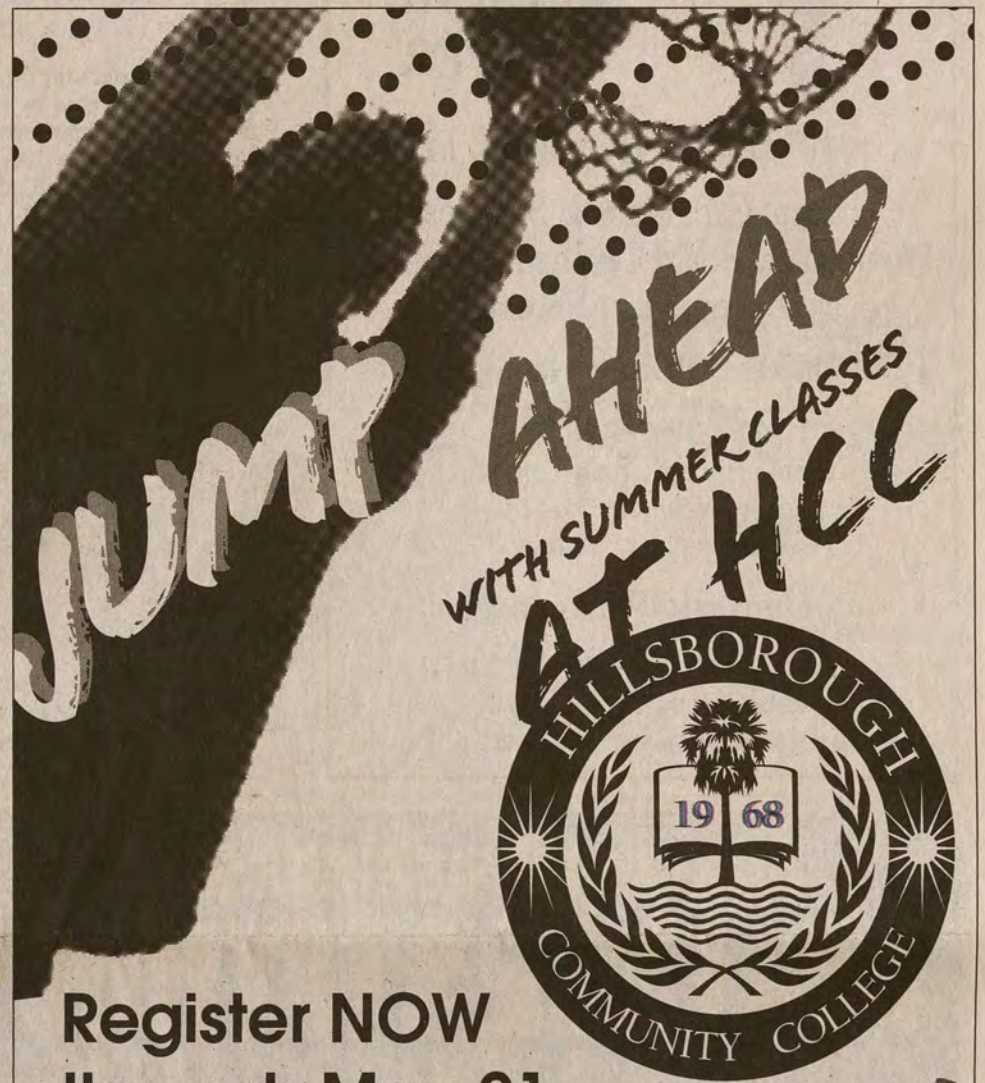
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# After 18 years, Hitt's five goals still in play

MIKE CLINTON  
Contributing Writer

When John Hitt signed on for the job as president of UCF in 1992, he probably didn't expect to become the leader of the third-largest university in the nation in terms of enrollment.

Striving toward becoming "a new kind of university that provides leadership and service to the Central Florida Strategic Plan," Hitt implemented a set of five goals he wished to accomplish during his time served.

And the ideas behind those goals have sparked UCF's growth the past 18 years.

In January, *Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine* ranked UCF as the 36th-best value public college for in-state students, moving up six

spots from the 2009 rank. UCF also ranked 68th out of state students, increasing from last year's 87th spot.

As part of Hitt's five goals, his No. 1 concern is to "offer the best undergraduate education available in Florida." According to Alison Morrison-Shetlar, the vice provost and dean of Undergraduate Studies at UCF, "President Hitt has really put an emphasis on high quality of education and curriculum."

Hitt has put two initiatives in place to ensure the success of the English composition and math programs.

The English composition initiative has changed the curriculum to help students meet high standards, as well as reduce class sizes from 27 students per teacher to 25, Morrison-Shetlar said.

The math initiative offers

students one hour of class time and three hours of a mandatory lab. According to Morrison-Shetlar, the university is seeing tremendous results from both efforts.

Hitt's second goal was to "achieve international prominence in key programs of graduate study and research."

The College of Engineering and Computer Science now offers an international engineering minor that prepares students for an engineering world filled with more global companies than ever, according to the CECS website.

This minor allows for a strong focus on international issues, requiring students to experience studying abroad while earning a total of nine credit hours.

According to Patricia Bishop, the dean of the

College of Graduate Studies, UCF had fewer than 3,000 graduate students in 1992; in 2010, there are more than 8,000.

Not only has the population grown, but new opportunities have also risen. UCF now has more than 25 doctoral programs, doubling the amount from 1992, Bishop said.

Bishop said their major initiatives are to "promote quality in our graduate programs, provide access to master's level education by developing and delivering programs of interest to our community and foster a graduate community at UCF by providing more and better career and professional development."

Part of the drive for international prominence also involves striving for a strong international focus on UCF's curricula and

research programs, which is Hitt's third goal.

His fourth goal — to become more inclusive and diverse — has been strongly represented by the student body.

The final goal is to be America's leading partnership university. UCF has numerous partnerships around Central Florida and the world, each playing a part in the community.

In February, NASA awarded UCF a contract for students to help speed up shuttle preparation times.

According to the College of Optics and Photonics' website, UCF also has partnerships with 65 major industrial companies spanning all over the globe as far as Japan and the U.K.

One of the most common partnerships has been with the Harris Corpora-

tion. Harris Corp. has partnered with UCF for more than three decades and has become part of many different programs.

Some of these programs include the Nicholson School of Communication Radio and TV facilities, the Burnett Honors College and the \$3 million pledge to help fund the engineering center named the Harris Corporation Engineering Building.

"Since Dr. Hitt created his five goals for the university in 1992, UCF has strived to be America's leading partnership university," said Grant Heston, the assistant vice president of UCF News & Information. "Partnerships have been a powerful ingredient for UCF's success in the past and continue to be an integral part of our university today."



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## USF, FSU, UF would get top rank

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would be based only on the research generated by that university. The controversy stemmed from the fact that the University of Florida was the only school that met the requirements in the state. Sen. Lynn is a graduate of UF.

"I don't think it [the bill] would be disastrous for us, but it wouldn't be good for us," said Josh Miller, the UCF Student Government Association senate president pro tempore.

The earlier version of the bill didn't specify guidelines for UF, but it was heavily implied that UF would be the flagship school, Miller said.

With the new wording though, Florida State University and the University

of South Florida are in the top tier of the Carnegie classifications along with UF.

Under the Carnegie classifications, UCF is in the level directly below UF, FSU and USF. UCF would be classified as having a high research level. The other three are at a very high level.

The only way to increase to the very high ranking is for UCF to produce more research, Miller said. This level does not take into account the quality of the research, only the amount.

The Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education is a system by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and is primarily used by researchers writing about education. According to the foundation's website,

the classifications are based on research levels as well as other sectors universities can voluntarily take part in.

"We will definitely be in that highest classification level in the next year or two," said Marla Spector, the former chair of the SGA Governmental Affairs Committee and the future director of the Governmental Affairs Division for the Kilbride administration.

The effect of the bill will merely be prestige, Andreu Szempruch, the new chair of the Governmental Affairs Committee, said.

The bill doesn't mention funding, only that the universities will be given more freedoms. What shape these freedoms will take is left vague, the bill only states that the universities will be given the freedom to

pursue "fair competition with other institutions of other states in the highest Carnegie classification."

Fear about the bill has come from the unclear wording and the original use of the word flagship. While a change in funding is not stated, it is implied, Szempruch said.

If there is any change in funding it is likely to come for online classes, allowing the top tier to change the extra charge for classes to compete with other universities outside of Florida, Spector said.

Overall though, Spector said there is little reason to worry: The bill lacks a house component — a requirement for it to pass — the Board of Governors can ignore it, and UCF can enter that top tier soon.

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## Schedule



### WOMEN'S GOLF

C-USA CHAMP.  
SUN. - TUES.

(AWAY)  
The Knights are contenders for the C-USA Championship in Hattiesburg, Miss., coming off one of their more successful seasons of late after picking up their first win since 2002 while also notching second and third-place finishes.



### BASEBALL

NORTH FLORIDA  
TUESDAY

7 P.M. (AWAY)  
Coming off its weekend series vs. Rice, the Knights head to Jacksonville to take on the Ospreys.

### BETHUNE COOK.

WEDNESDAY  
6:50 P.M. (AWAY)

The Knights are 2-0 vs. the Wildcats this season, taking a 11-8 decision and a 9-7 decision at the end of April.



### SOFTBALL

BETHUNE COOK.  
WEDNESDAY

5 P.M. (HOME)  
After being swept by the UAB Blazers over the weekend, the Knights will look rebound at home against the Wildcats.



### WOMEN'S TENNIS

C-USA CHAMP.  
THURS. - SUN.

(AWAY)  
The Knights were 4-1 in conference play heading into this weekend's C-USA Championship in Tulsa, Okla. and the team is coming off a 5-2 win over East Carolina on the road Saturday.

## Spring football game

# Calabrese shines, wins starting QB job

RYAN BASS  
Sports Editor

If UCF football head coach George O'Leary had any question about junior quarterback Rob Calabrese as the No. 1 guy going in to the summer, Saturday's scrimmage erased all doubt.

Calabrese completed 11-of-17 passes, threw for a touchdown and also rushed for another in the scrimmage, showing poise and presence to lead the Knights first-team offense past the second and third string defensive units, 28-7.

His 66-yard touchdown run early in the third quarter showed his ability to make smarter plays on the field

and proved his maturity from last season.

"I thought he made plays, which is what I was looking for when he broke away a couple of times," O'Leary said. "A couple of throws were probably a little late and you have to get rid of the ball sooner ... but I thought he made some plays and used his feet."

His experience also shined on a screen play, where he read the defense and threw the ball away instead of forcing the throw to try to make the play. He came to the sideline and told O'Leary he would have checked out of the play if it was in a real-game situation. "That's just coming from

experience, watching film and knowing what the defense is going to do," Calabrese said of throwing the ball away. "That just really comes with experience. I had a lot of time the past two years and it is time for me to step up."

### Calabrese named No. 1 starter

After the game, O'Leary formally announced Calabrese as the starter, but did say he liked what he saw out of true freshman Jeffrey Godfrey and third-string quarterback, L.D. Crow.

"I think they all have opportunities to play, but I think when you list who the starter is, I think it it would be the same way we prac-



Knights junior wide receiver A.J. Guyton caught four passes for 62 yards in Saturday's spring game, including a 20 yard screen pass that he broke for a touchdown.

ted all year," O'Leary said. "It would be one, two, three, as far as [Rob] Calabrese, [Jeffrey] Godfrey and [L.D.]

Crow. Again, I wouldn't hesitate, right now, putting any

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## Baseball

# Out at first



Beau Taylor and the Knights dropped two-of-three games to Rice in this past weekend's series, failing to capture first place in the conference standings.

## Knights drop shot at No. 1 spot in C-USA with loss to Rice Owls

NICOLE SAAVEDRA  
Staff Writer

Momentum was the key for this weekend's crucial home series against Rice. After splitting the series through the first two games and being up 7-5 going into the seventh inning on Sunday, UCF looked poised to clinch the series and tie Rice for first in the conference standings but the Knights suffered a 13-8 loss instead.

"Going into the series, I said that there's two things that need to happen for us to be successful," head coach Terry Rooney said. "One, play fundamental baseball. Fundamental baseball is that you can't give them anything. We walked too many batters and in the four run inning, we just gave them all their runs [in Friday's game]."

"You can't do that against very good teams, that's one. The second is the ability to hit in the clutch like we've been doing all year."

Mistakes doomed the Knights (24-14 and 6-6 in C-USA) on Sunday when Rice (23-15, 8-4) scored four runs with two outs in the eighth inning. Austin Johnston flipped a hit from Diego Seastrunk to Jonathan

Griffin to get the first out and Brennan Dobbins struck Rick Hague to put UCF in control defensively. Matt Manning relieved Dobbins midway through the inning and walked two batters with the bases loaded. Then a ball bounced off Darnell Sweeney's glove that scored two, giving the Owls a six-run lead.

"We talk all the time about winning in seven through nine and I just told the guys that they were better than us for one inning this weekend," said Rooney. "That was the difference, that's why they won the series."

Sweeney would score again in the eighth, but it wasn't enough as Rice won 13-8 and clinched the series.

The Knights dropped the first game of the series 9-2 on Friday. UCF squandered early opportunities to score and found themselves in a hole when Rice scored three runs in the second inning and four in the third.

UCF capitalized on its momentum in Saturday's game and evened the series behind a strong pitching performance from Owen Dew. Dew pitched 8.1 innings in the 6-4 victory.

"That outing that Owen just had, that's the reason you get into coaching," Rooney said. "He's come so far since the fall and the results are obvi-

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The Knights gave up eight runs combined in the seventh and eighth innings on Sunday, erasing what was a 7-5 UCF lead.

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Owen Dew pitched 8.1 innings on Saturday, leading the Knights past Rice, 6-4, for their only win in the series.

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Announced attendance for the entire Rice series, which is fourth largest in UCF history.

ously tremendous. That's the performance, almost of a lifetime."

Rooney credited Dew's two-seam fastball with forcing a number of ground balls that resulted in double plays in the sixth and seventh innings. Dew's outing was the longest by a UCF pitcher since 2008.

Rice recorded runs in the first and third innings, but UCF quickly responded. Ryan Breen knocked in a home run in the second inning. Shane Brown and Darnell Sweeney gave UCF the lead for good when they scored in the third inning. Rice attempted to stage a comeback in the ninth with two quick runs and Dew was relieved by Joe Rogers. Saturday's announced crowd of 1,844 gave

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## Healthy Guyton highlights scrimmage

PADRICK BREWER  
Staff Writer

Ignoring the colors on the field and the names on the scoreboard, Saturday's spring game looked much like other UCF football games.

The offense scored four touchdowns helped by heavy doses of the run game, the defense dished out some vicious hits and returned an interception for a score, and a kicker missed a field goal.

But there was more to the game than just the points on the board. Here are five things to take from the spring game:

### 1. A.J. Guyton is healthy

And a healthy A.J. Guyton is dangerous. As the Knights work to find ways to get speedster Quincy McDuffie the ball with room to move, Guyton showed all he needs is the ball in his hands.

Six minutes into Saturday's scrimmage, Guyton caught a screen pass from Rob Calabrese and broke free for a 20-yard touchdown. He also grabbed a crucial third-down conversion during the second scoring drive and finished with four catches for 62 yards and a touchdown.

The full participation is a welcome sight for Guyton, who injured his knee during the spring of 2008 and was still on the road to recovery as UCF geared up for the 2009 season.

"This spring, I am really full-go, just going and working hard," Guyton said.

The Knights are making efforts to give more shots to their playmakers, which should lead to plenty of opportunities for Guyton in 2010.

### 2. Running back position is still uncertain

And it's a good thing Guyton will be on top of his game, because UCF may have trouble running the ball.

That's an odd thing to hear about a George O'Leary-coached team, but Brynn Harvey's injury and subsequent lengthy absence has the Knights looking to sophomores Brendan Kelly and Jonathan Davis.

Both picked up at least nine carries — Davis led all players with 11 — and Kelly picked up the game's

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# O'Leary: Harvey could miss first four games

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of them in certain situations. But I think heading into the spring and the summer and the skellies and the conditioning and the chemistry that's required. I think the leadership has got to come from the guy with the experience and that's Rob."

Calabrese's favorite target on the day was A.J. Guyton, who caught four balls for 62 yards and a 20-yard touchdown reception from Calabrese for the first score of the game.

Even Guyton has seen a

difference in the way Calabrese has carried himself this spring.

"Rob has come a long way as far as controlling the huddle and being a leader in the huddle," Guyton said. "He isn't as jumpy anymore. When I first met him he was trying to do too much at one time ... but he has taken that in and just progressed really well."

## Kelly, Davis get reps

Running back Brendan Kelly saw the majority of the reps with the first-team offense while Jonathan Davis ran mostly with

Godfrey and the second team. Kelly rushed for 46 yards on nine carries and also recorded a 2-yard touchdown run in the second quarter, while Davis scurried his way to 37 yards on 11 carries. O'Leary said the team didn't run the ball as much as it wanted, but he was pleased out of what he saw from both backs.

He noted that Kelly and Davis both will share a role in replacing starter Brynn Harvey while he recovers from a knee injury. O'Leary thinks that Harvey will miss at least the first four

games of the season.

"I don't think [Brynn Harvey will] be back until after the non-conference schedule, I would think,"

O'Leary said. "Hopefully sooner, but my experience is you don't count on that. But I think both of them [Jonathan Davis and Bren-

dan Kelly] are good enough to get into the game and get the necessary yards for us to be successful."

## Center battle will be key

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second touchdown on a short run off the right side.

O'Leary said it would likely be after the non-conference portion of the schedule when Harvey returns, and Kelly and Davis are the likely replacements, so getting them some continued time in game situations was crucial.

"Practice makes perfect," sophomore center Jordan Rae said. "So it's good to practice with both of those guys at the same time so they get a feel for everything too."

## 3. Jordan Rae looks to have inside edge at center

Rae spent most of Saturday working with the first team, and he showed good strength and surprising speed. During the first touchdown, it was his block near the 5-yard line that cleared Guyton's last obstacle.

"It was a pretty good day," Rae said. "We weren't putting everything out there, but we were running simple plays, making sure everything is down."

After the scrimmage, O'Leary stressed the importance of the center position — secondary to just the quarterback when the team is in the huddle, and said it was still between Rae and junior Zac Norris for the starting spot.

But it was Rae who impressed the most, holding many of his blocks and helping on double-teams.

"He's very calm, and he makes his calls," O'Leary said. "He's a steady influence, and he never panics out there."

## 4. Jeffrey Godfrey doesn't look like a freshman

He may still look like a high schooler, but Jeffrey Godfrey is already taking advanced courses on the football field.

His 8-of-14 line is not that impressive, neither are the two interceptions, and the side-arm throws meant he wasn't as accurate as you would like.

But he is exciting.

"He's a different style," O'Leary said. "He's an impressive kid."

Godfrey didn't do enough to supplant Calabrese in the starting role, but he maintained his status as the second-best option at quarterback.

He is as elusive and mobile as they come, and he has the ability to throw downfield, although with mixed results as far as accuracy is concerned.

He stands a shade taller than 5-foot-11, and a weight of 176 is a little generous, but O'Leary says those metrics are deceiving.

"He plays a lot stronger than he looks," O'Leary said.

## 5. The team got what it wanted out of the game

With some of UCF's finest in the building — Asante Samuel, Brandon Marshall, Alex Haynes — as examples of what could be, O'Leary and the Knights were content to focus on what they are.

The Knights rotated players in and out, getting younger players on the field and working on limited parts of their playbook.

And that was probably for the best. O'Leary and the Knights had seen what they needed in the first half. They ran the offense. They rotated the defensive line. All the quarterbacks got in on the action.

"I thought we had a chance to play everybody," O'Leary said. "Pretty much right from the first quarter on, we were rolling first, second and third units out there."

"We didn't do a lot. I'd say no more than 15 percent of the offense was in there, and about the same on defense."

Maybe it could have been more exciting, and a running clock in the second half wasn't a bad idea, but O'Leary saw lots of things to like, doling out an above-average grade.

"I would say a B," O'Leary said of the Knights' progression through the spring. "And I'm a tough grader. I would say a B for what we're looking for."



Backup quarterback Jeffrey Godfrey showed many different aspects of his talents in the spring game, displaying his strong arm with long passes down the field and using his legs to the tune of one rushing TD and 54 yards on the ground.

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## Sports briefs

# Women's tennis ends regular season with win

## Women's tennis

The women's tennis team finished the regular season with a 5-2 victory over East Carolina Saturday. The Knights improved to 12-6 for the dual-match season and to 4-1 in Conference USA.

UCF collected the doubles point to open the match. Junior Jenny Frisell and sophomore Alexis Rodriguez topped Jessica Cook and Audrey LePottier, 8-4.

The Knights took four singles lines to clinch the match. Frisell eased to a 6-1, 6-3 victory over Cook at No. 1. Senior Katie Orletsky defeated Abby Richmond, 6-0, 6-4 in her final home match.

UCF will compete in the C-USA Championships in Tulsa April 22-25.

## Track and field

The women's track team competed in the Tom Jones Memorial Invitational in Gainesville over the weekend.

Sophomore Sheila Paul was the top collegiate performer in the 100m. Her time of 11.63 nabbed her third place behind professional runners Tianna Madison and Cleo Tyson. Sophomore Tomika Story placed second in the triple jump and freshman Taylor

Bartolotta placed third in the javelin. Junior Micaela Wimberly placed third in the 100m hurdles with a time of 14.05.

The Knights will be back in action from April 22-24 when they travel to Philadelphia to compete in the Penn Relays Carnival.

— NICOLE SAAVERDA

## Softball

The UCF softball team dropped the first two games of its weekend series against the UAB Blazers before salvaging the finale on Sunday. On Saturday, Ashleigh Cole

took the loss in the day game 2-1.

Cole (17-11) allowed only three hits and no earned runs, but UCF couldn't muster any more offense than the one tally in the fourth. The Knights gave the Blazers their only runs on a bases-loaded error in the bottom of the sixth.

In the night cap, Kristina DeMello allowed five runs on eight hits, while striking out four batters in the complete-game outing.

UAB scored four of its five runs in the first inning. A double, followed by a sacrifice bunt, a single and

three-run homerun, allowed the Blazers to plate all of their runs.

UCF finally got its offense rolling in the sixth. The Knights posted two runs in the inning, but it was too little, too late as UAB held on for a 5-2 victory.

Sunday in the finale, Cole got her revenge on the Blaz-

ers, going the distance — for the 24th time this season and second time in two days — allowing three runs on seven hits, while striking out five.

UAB jumped out 2-0 in the third but UCF rallied with a three-run fifth inning capped by a 2-RBI single by Morgan Bullard. UAB had a

chance in the seventh but the Knights held on for a 4-3 win. The win moves the Knights to 26-19 on the season and a solid 11-7 in C-USA play. The Knights host Bethune-Cookman on Wednesday, before hosting C-USA rival Tulsa this weekend.

— DANNY AIELLO



UCF sophomore Alexis Rodriguez, above, and junior Jenny Frisell picked up a win in doubles to help the Knights to a 5-2 win over ECU Saturday.

# UCF's pitching struggles

FROM A9

Dew a standing ovation as he entered the dugout.

"That's never happened to me before," Dew said. "That was great, really awesome. That was proba-

bly one of my top moments as a pitcher ever."

The Knights now sit at 24-14 on the season and 6-6 in the conference while Rice improved to 23-15 on the season and 8-4 in the

conference, giving them possession of first place. UCF will play two mid-week games before heading to Marshall, where they'll continue to fight their way to the top of the conference.

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## OUR STANCE

# Equal benefits long overdue

“UCF stands for opportunity” is the slogan your school promotes everywhere.

Commercials, posters and websites all attempt to convince people that your school is a diverse place where teachers and students can thrive. People from all walks of life have the chance to embrace the opportunities that only UCF can provide.

UCF's slogan is not entirely true, though.

By not offering domestic partner benefits for teachers and staff, UCF is eliminating opportunities for people based on their sexual orientation.

UCF's defense is that offering domestic partner benefits would be a violation of state law. This argument is weak, because the University of Florida is able to work around the law and

offer benefits to domestic partners.

UCF can do the same thing. It just isn't a priority for the current administration.

Since 2005, the United Faculty of Florida has been attempting to help the administration implement domestic partner benefits. By setting up a separate fund that would receive private donations, UCF could extend benefits to domestic partnerships without breaking the law.

Besides discriminating against these people, UCF is reducing the chance for students to receive the best education possible.

According to the UFF, there are potential faculty members who will not work at UCF because they are gay, lesbian or straight allies who refuse to be employees of UCF because it lacks domestic partner benefits.

Qualified professors are not even options because UCF will not offer them the same benefits they offer married couples.

We are not sure why President Hitt would not act immediately on this project, especially when other universities have accomplished this task.

According to the American Association of University Professors, nearly 300 colleges and universities offer some kind of domestic partnership benefit.

Offering better benefits for current and future employees of UCF will only improve the school's reputation and attract the most qualified professionals.

Denying domestic partner benefits is hurting educators and students.

UCF needs to stand behind its slogan and offer opportunities to all members of society.

# New leaders have promises to keep

As we say goodbye to a cabinet of the Student Government Association that was loved by many students, it is important to focus on the new student leaders of UCF.

The Michael Kilbride and Taylor Lochrane administration will soon be working toward fulfilling the 32 points they promised on their platform.

One of their campaign slogans was “the difference is you,” which is why we urge you, the student, to pay attention to what SGA is doing and will be doing this school year.

Only 9,420 votes were cast this year for the SGA offices. Clearly, many students were far too busy to fill out the simple voting form found online.

Students are rarely too busy to complain about things on campus, though.

Make sure to keep updat-

ed on what the SGA officials are doing either here in the newspaper, online at UCFNews.com or on their official website Differenceis.com.

“Our best campaign goal is your best idea,” Kilbride said during campaigning.

Well as long as the floor is open, we may have some thoughts.

Our first idea is to include the 32 points you said were attainable for your administration on your website.

We, and hopefully many students, would like to follow the course as those plans are put into action. By putting the points on your website and your Facebook page, you will make it easy for students to become more involved in SGA. At the least, it will allow students to get an idea of how hard you all work.

It will also allow students to do what you requested, which is holding you to your

promises.

By interacting with the student body about what platform points could and could not be delivered, you are setting a high standard for future administrations. Hopefully, this will become the norm, and SGA officials will maintain their campaign pledges.

Speaking of pledges, please bring about the changes you promised while campaigning.

We remember a few, including expanding Knight-Drive, developing postgraduate resources, getting more students to SGA meetings, completing a car pool system, increasing the available study space on campus and building on number of SGA-funded scholarships.

Your vow to implement these crucial changes is what won you the election, and we are eager to see you achieve the 32 points you included in your platform.

# Make effort to see potential provosts

On June 30, Terry Hickey will retire from his position as provost at UCF.

The final four candidates to replace Hickey will start their open meetings today. James Coleman's meeting is Monday at 3:15 p.m. in Teaching Academy Room 117.

You should attend at least one, if not all, of the open meetings. These sessions are the perfect place to learn about and participate in the process of hiring a provost.

The position of provost can also be explained as the chief academic administrator on campus. The person the search committee chooses to replace Hickey will be the second most powerful person at UCF. He will have a tremendous say in what occurs at UCF while he holds

the position.

It is great to hear students talk and complain about decisions made by the UCF administration. It means that you are aware of the things going on around you and care enough to comment on them. It is frustrating, though, when complaints come without an effort to change the issue being discussed.

Once this new provost is hired, you should not complain that you know nothing about him. Instead, go the extra mile and investigate the options for the future provost.

Doing so can't hurt you. You are not required to participate in the sessions. If you don't feel comfortable asking questions, then you can just listen to what these men have to say about your school.

But if you can find the

time to attend, then feel free to ask questions. The only dumb question is the one not asked. Perhaps the topic you need clarification on will be something the search committee has overlooked.

You shouldn't complain that the new provost is not the best man for the job without playing your part in the decision making process.

All the meetings will take place from 3:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. in the Teaching Academy Room 117. Richard DeMillo's meeting is Thursday, Raymond Alden's meeting is April 26 and Tony Waldrop's meeting is April 29.

If you can't attend the meetings, we will be there. Check the next issue of the newspaper and our website at UCFNews.com for recaps of the sessions.

## Zombie-student disturbed by anti-zombie sentiment at UCF

### Steve says:

Being a zombie, it's hard enough finding a roommate, let alone a girlfriend, but to have a mass of people simulating a zombie apocalypse with this Human vs. Zombie game shouting, “BRAINS! BRAINS!” is just appalling. This type of behavior only reinforces the terrible stereotype zombies have to put up with. You know the last time I ate brains? Never! Zombies don't eat brains, I find it just as gross as you do. In fact, I can't even eat Jell-O without gagging. Just because I'm half dead doesn't mean I'm not human or have no feelings. And ladies, I'm alive where it counts.



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# Life doesn't have to be a balancing act

I've been reading a lot lately about the importance of balancing your life. Actually that's not true, I just read one article in *Marie Claire* about it, but I do know people are always talking about how important it is to keep our lives balanced.

The thing that strikes me, however, is that you never hear about the benefits of living an unbalanced life, and I find that peculiar.

There are always two sides to everything. Why, then, do we not hear about people who think working your life away is better than balancing things off?

The answer is because they have been made to feel ashamed of this, that they should want more.

The argument is always: “You never hear anyone say on their death bed that they wished they spent more time at the office.”

That's true, but perhaps that's because it's a ridiculous statement. I'm certain that people do think on their death bed that they wish they had accomplished more or made more of a difference in the world.

Looking back through history, most anyone that has made a significant contribution to society has dedicated an abnormal amount of time to his or her chosen path.

There are, of course, side effects of working too much, but I'm not all that convinced of just how bad they are.

Take for instance my geotechnical engineering lab — where we play with dirt. It's the perfect example of what happens when you live an unbalanced life. All the men that came up with these experiments — for which they're named, I'm sure — worked long hours, as is quite apparent in the names of the procedures, because everything sounds very dirty, pardon the pun.

And because I get very excited about all of these experiments, I will make an exclamation and then turn red as soon as I realize that though I was intending to voice satisfaction upon our discovery that 11 percent is apparently the optimum moisture content needed in order to compact the soil to its maximum density, what I actually said could be the subject of an immature joke.

So it's basically three hours once a week of everyone trying to restrain themselves from saying the infantile phrase “that's what she

said.”

But we all just couldn't resist the temptation.

Maybe the consequences of men living in the laboratory is an acceptable exchange, though. Having the burden of three hours a week of naughty-sounding lab procedures is the price we have to pay in order to benefit from

their discoveries. Maybe, just maybe, it was the deprivation of a so-called “life” that allowed the men and women of science to excel in their fields.

Who knows what advancements the world is missing out on because of the craze for balanced living.

I'm certain, at the very least, you would never see any fellow students flying off their skateboards because they just hit a bump in the sidewalk; they would be using those hoverboards like in *Back to the Future Part II*.

But no, just before someone was about to finish his hoverboard equation, just as the epiphany was about to hit, his wife called to remind him it was date night.

It just seems to be such a fine line between needing to be fit for a straitjacket and being simply, harmlessly, obsessed with your work.

Obsession is a very close friend of mine. Balance feels unnatural to me. All or nothing is all I know.

But sometimes when my very close friend and I are not getting along, I fantasize about balance and begin to envy it's very close friends, normal people is what I call them.

I aim, however, starting to think this is not something I can train myself to be. I have found that when I, in response to envy, attempt to betray obsession and live a life with balance, it is a rotation of “all” for a few days followed by “nothing” for a few days. I'm no expert, but I'm pretty sure that's not correct.

So I try and look on the bright side. There is the benefit of life being more pleasant when you keep yourself busy enough to avoid having time to think about anything that you may be lacking. After all, if you never think about what you lack, then you lack nothing.

I'm not sure if I made that saying up or read it on a tiny piece of paper with lottery numbers printed just below, but I'm 99 percent convinced it's true.



**LACY PAPADEAS**  
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## WHAT YOU ARE SAYING

### All students need protection

Sitting in GRRC right now. They just passed the proposal to include “gender, gender identity, gender expression” in UCF 3.001 and the inclusion of color, gender, gender identity, gender expression in OSI Section A, Subsection 5. Woohoo!

— NIKKINICHO

### GameStop comes to UCF, breezeway

There's no way this is going to do well.

Since when has an on-campus store that is not UCF affiliated actually succeeded? I give it a year, tops.

— ANONYMOUS

Is this really necessary? We have four GameStops in an five-mile radius of here.

I'll admit for people living on campus, it's damn convenient, but really?

There's one across the street from campus.

— ANONYMOUS

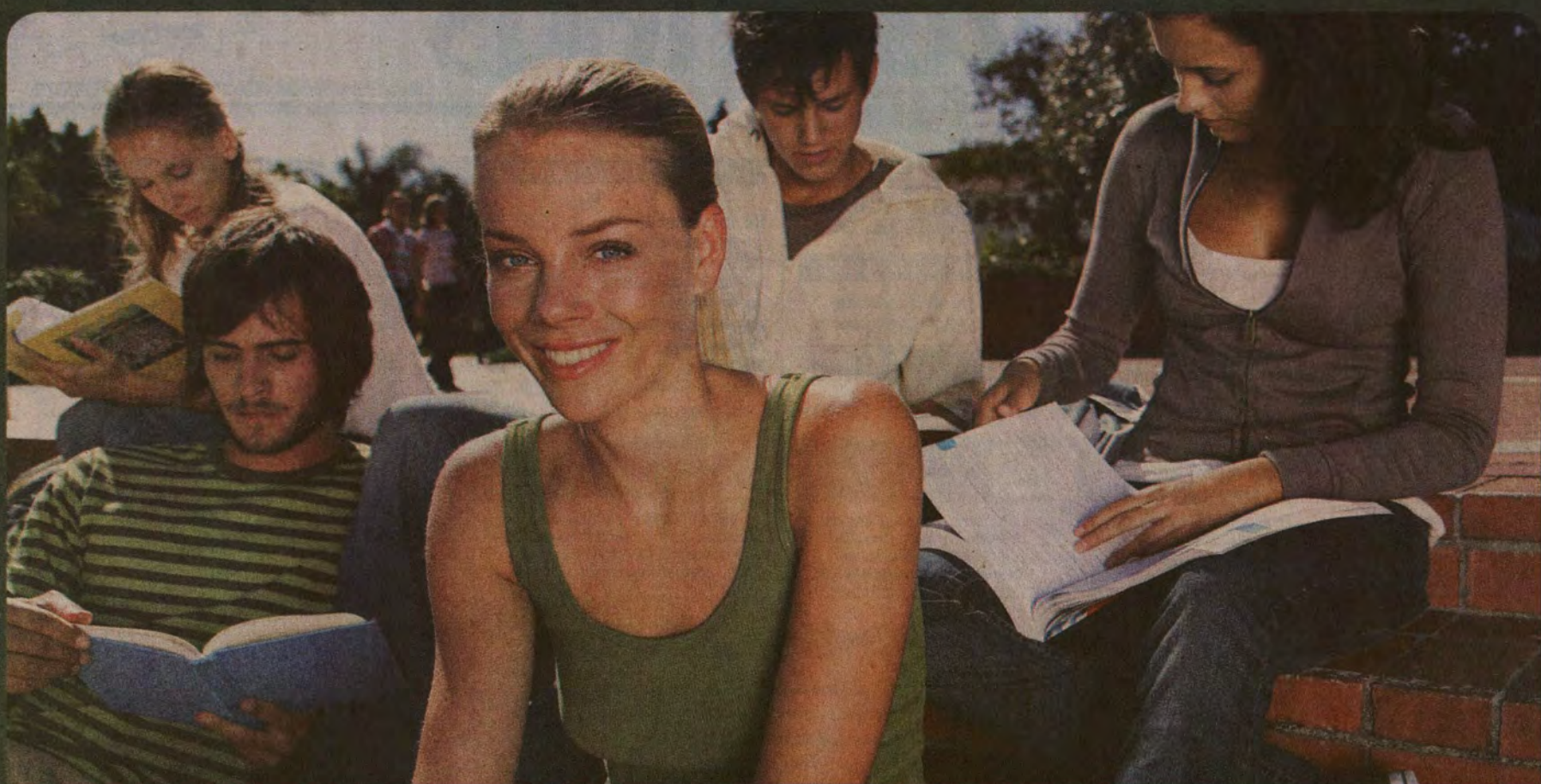
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